

March 14, 2016

The Judiciary Committee
State of Connecticut

RE: HB5054

I am writing in reference to HB5054 I'm in **opposition** to this bill. I have many concerns about this bill. The biggest concern is that it is a violation of the 14 amendment of the US Constitution.

The 14 amendment provides for due process. It prohibits the state from depriving citizens of life, liberty or property without the due process of law.

The way this bill is written, if you are severed with an ex-party restraining order your property will be taken from you without due process. In the case of a legally registered AR-15 rifle and large capacity magazine, once transferred can never be transferred back to the rightful owner per state law.

Due to the fact that 46% of ex-party restraining orders have failed to get a judge's approval to become a restraining order, innocent people will have their 14 amendment rights violated by the state of Connecticut.

This bill in my opinion is more of a way to seize guns from law abiding citizens who have committed no crimes. If the state really wants to improve the ex-party restraining orders they need to force a hearing within 24 hours rather than 14 days.

Sincerely,

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